

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Report for the month of AUGUST 1947.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st March, 1947 was estimated to be 500,792, comprising 258,971 males and 241,821 females.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

		JULY		7 Months ended JULY	
		1947	1946	1947	1946
Marriages	.. No.	400	384	3,198	3,005
"	.. *Rate per 1000 of Population	9.36	9.14	10.99	10.49
Births	.. No.	1,113	1,026	7,803	6,073
"	.. *Rate per 1000 of Population	26.04	24.43	26.83	21.20
Deaths	.. No.	452	508	2,640	2,694
"	.. *Rate per 1000 of Population	10.58	12.10	9.08	9.40
Infant Mortality	No.	31	39	238	199
" "	Rate per 1000 Live Births	27.85	38.01	30.50	32.77

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -

Tuberculosis	12	16	85	108
Cancer	42	60	320	318
Influenza	2	1	7	7
Diphtheria	-	1	5	8
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	43	37	229	232
Arteriosclerosis	15	18	97	84
Diseases of the Heart	142	153	719	732
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia	21	46	147	167
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	3	2	15	23
Nephritis	14	18	95	97
Diseases of Early Infancy	20	19	118	102
Senility	9	12	70	66
Accidents	34	27	171	186
All Other Causes	95	98	562	564
 TOTAL	 452	 508	 2,640	 2,694

\* Equivalent Annual Rate.

• 40000 VIEWS • 10000 LIKES

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the eight months ended August totalled 461,523 acres, an increase of 288,982 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 7,153,086 acres, an increase of 5,784,571 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE & EXPENDITURE

	Month of AUGUST		2 Months ended AUGUST	
	1947		1946	
	£	£	£	£
Revenue .....	1,197,350	1,068,965	2,445,659	2,168,735
Revenue per Head of Population	£2.7.6d.	£2.3.3d.	£4.17.2d.	£4.7.9d.
Expenditure ..	1,313,737	1,185,513	2,790,150	2,407,469
Expenditure per Head of Population	£2.12.2d.	£2.7.11d.	£5.10.10d.	£4.17.4d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 31st August amounted to £36,680,594, or £72.15.7d. per head of population, as against £38,246,959, or £77.5.6d. per head as at the 31st August last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 27th August, 1947 amounted to £3,705,401, compared with £3,751,138 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	AUGUST		2 Months ended AUGUST	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Transfers .....	(No.)	1,606	1,701	3,357
	{ £	858,752	858,237	1,688,959
Mortgages .....	(No.)	958	1,026	2,053
	{ £	1,088,402	852,830	2,073,118
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	901	939	1,829
				1,887

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Month of Receipt of Returns.	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is payable (Gross).	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross).		
1946 -	£	£	£	£
August	734,719	824,237	1,483,285	164,837
September	1,066,352	1,298,683	2,006,343	163,108
October	1,335,348	1,012,132	2,018,926	200,216
November	1,226,307	1,002,723	1,727,609	186,457
December	922,086	690,278	1,550,072	131,072
1947 -				
January	1,236,382	1,272,141	1,893,777	171,721
February	981,890	1,571,910	2,100,827	130,422
March	1,025,999	1,034,280	1,706,073	148,225
April	1,032,193	904,783	2,181,750	131,075
May	1,133,005	1,172,830	2,513,691	119,906
June	999,553	1,235,966	3,085,537	134,149
July	986,992	890,625	2,815,570	125,720
August	1,181,616	934,743	2,284,635	155,234

• *THEATRUM VENETARUM*

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

24 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £833,500, and 8 Foreign Companies were registered during the two months ended August, 1947. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 16 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £138,500, and 5 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	2 Months ended AUGUST					
	1947			1946		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	2	1,663	361	5	5,152	2,077
Deeds of Assignment (a)	1	1,804	1,142	2	4,107	4,387
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows :-

	JULY		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Gross Earnings	388,700	333,100	4,045,935	4,106,718
Working Expenses	429,049	372,926	4,423,801	4,026,706
Train Miles Run	633,166	573,846	6,727,963	6,409,278
Passenger Journeys	1,050,386	1,163,971	13,878,518	17,136,230
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	241,789	205,694	2,427,971	2,589,524
Livestock	13,850	12,431	148,965	138,178
Departmental (Free Freight)	55,651	52,659	491,781	467,157
Total	311,290	270,784	3,068,717	3,194,859
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	36,163,682	28,769,685	347,884,302	335,528,664
Livestock	2,016,207	1,529,509	17,894,148	16,304,189
Departmental (Free Freight)	8,896,198	8,865,498	76,516,168	69,162,502
Total	47,076,087	39,164,692	442,294,618	420,995,355



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1946 1947 -	536	328	11	422	637	718	16	513
January	111	27	2	52	149	79	2	66
February	95	38	1	65	137	108	1	85
March	84	54	1	67	129	156	1	80
April	63	34	3	34	95	112	3	48
May	83	42	1	36	126	127	2	60
June	83	26	-	32	163	89	-	45
July	142	73	3	41	256	194	5	77
August	115	58	4	41	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGNS.)  
(Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles).

Date (as at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1946 -	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
June	19,214	7,989	204	4,295	31,316	28,147	309	6,794
December	19,770	8,878	243	4,709	31,777	30,096	319	7,324
1947 -								
January	19,774	8,883	250	4,806	30,777	27,920	304	7,332
February	20,142	9,151	251	4,983	31,972	29,836	309	7,660
March	20,298	9,297	252	5,111	32,315	30,471	318	7,866
April	20,281	9,295	253	5,169	32,327	30,718	325	8,009
May	20,425	9,419	255	5,243	32,642	31,227	331	8,135
June	20,522	9,467	255	5,290	32,793	31,382	331	8,196
July *	20,210	9,251	255	4,599	31,460	28,627	350	6,641

\* Revised.

(3) COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles).

	Cars	Wagons, Vans, etc.	Buses	Motor Cycles
1947 - JULY	93	384	6	3

T R A D E .

Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Oversea) July, 1947 and 1946, and 12 months ending June, 1947 and 1946 - expressed in terms of Australian currency.

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	JULY		12 Months ended JUNE		JULY		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946
	£1000)	£1000)	£1000)	£1000)	£1000)	£1000)	£1000)	£1000)
Oversea	1,231	562	10,378	6,041	2,307	1,714	23,856	20,667
Interstate	2,586	1,059	21,126	16,119	678	279	5,780	5,878
Total	3,817	1,621	31,504	22,160	2,985	1,993	29,636	26,545



BUILDING ACTIVITY.

(Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities).

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Houses and Other Dwellings (a)		Factories		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
June Qr., 1946	295	271	15	41	35	40	345	352
Sept. Qr., 1946	364	337	14	20	44	59	422	416
Dec. Qr., 1946	451	445	16	16	40	72	507	533
March Qr., 1947	412	423	7	8	50	131	469	562
June Qr., 1947	483	515	8	5	32	35	523	555

(a) Excluding Owner-Built Dwellings.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Excluding Owner-Built Homes)

Period	Number Completed					Total
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.	Wood or Mainly Wood	Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement	Other		
June Qr., 1946	124	37	68	66		295
April, 1947	79	6	47	3		135
May, 1947	75	17	55	5		152
June, 1947	105	20	61	7		193
July, 1947	124	16	85	1		226
Aug., 1947	97	21	90	5		213

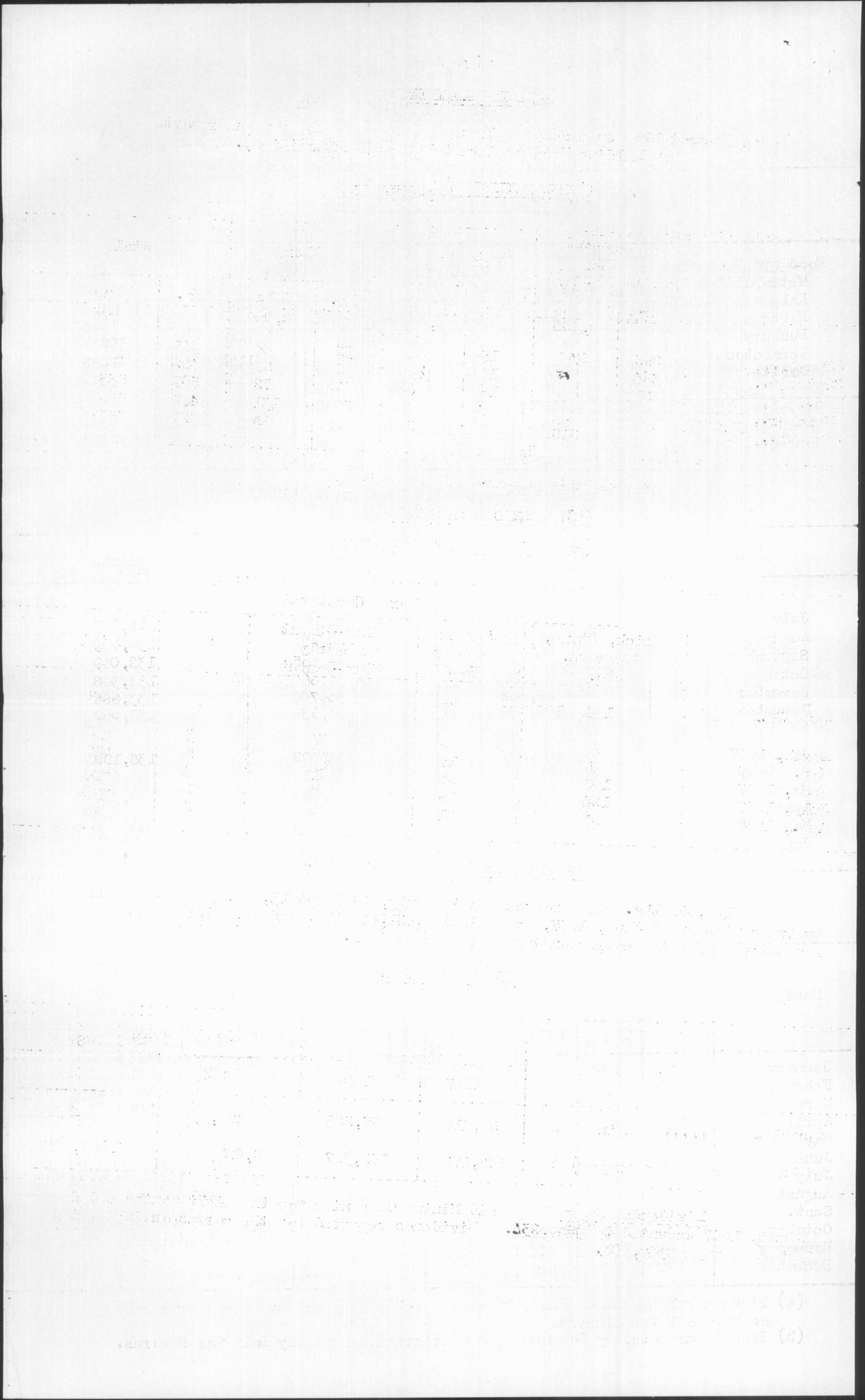
BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

144,489 lbs. were produced during July, 1947 and 13,404,351 lbs. for the twelve months ended June, 1947, as against 1,151,119 lbs. and 12,680,713 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	August		8 Months ended AUGUST	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Quantity .....	Fine Qz.	56,416	87,563	473,032
Value (Australian currency) £		607,175	942,397	5,091,009

Dividends Reported by Gold Mining Companies for the eight months ended August, 1947 amounted to £520,236. Dividends reported for the corresponding period last year were £348,801.



RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base, Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

	AUGUST		2 Months ended AUGUST	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Food and Groceries -				
Metropolitan Area	1120	1052	1122	1060
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1249	1186	1251	1194
Northam	1145	1066	1143	1075
Bunbury	1128	1050	1127	1057
Geraldton	1154	1077	1152	1085
Collie	1146	1065	1142	1072

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures Supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	Males	Females	Persons
1946 -			
July	94,478	34,429	128,907
August	96,322	34,421	130,743
September	97,594	34,455	132,049
October	98,688	34,660	133,348
November	99,166	34,700	133,866
December	100,130	34,939	135,069
1947 -			
January	100,807	34,392	135,199
February	101,861	34,815	136,676
March	102,999	35,339	138,338
April	102,697	35,266	137,963
May	103,356	35,479	138,835
June	103,935	35,542	139,477

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100)					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000)					
	1943	1944	1945	1946(a)	1947(a)	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	
January	128	137	142	145	162	865	826	870	995	1134	
February	130	138	142	148	163	861	824	868	1016	1138	
March	132	139	144	151	163	846	825	877	1045	1145	
April	134	139	144	153	162	835	827	876	1051	1144	
May	131	140	144	154	164	836	832	891	1069	1151	
June	135	139	145	154	165	835	829	903	1087	1153	
July	136	140	146	156(a)	165	828	832	899	1096	1168	
August	136	140	145	157		814	832	897	1109		
Sept.	137	140	143	158		806	834	914	1114		
October	138	140	141	161		801	837	929	1118		
November	136	141	141	160		814	851	965	1133		
December	137	142	145	161		840	886	1012	1165		

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1946 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

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UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician)

Month	Admittances	Discharges	On Benefit end of Month
<u>1946</u>			
July	725	644	1,357
August	887	959	1,285
September	598	680	1,203
October	385	567	1,021
November	6,382	6,086	1,317
December	466	562	1,221
<u>1947</u>			
January	491	685	1,027
February	408	574	861
March	472	562	771
April (a)	345	322	794
May (a)	443	478	759
June (a)	379	377	761

(a) Subject to Revision.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	AUGUST		2 Months ended AUGUST	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	19,205	18,476	39,335	37,779
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	17,083	15,592	34,137	31,552

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
August, 1947	12,207	583	71,160	9,137
August, 1946	13,586	444	77,674	11,533
8 Months ended August, 1947	73,627	2,936	482,285	79,743
8 Months ended August, 1946	69,724	2,398	509,704	105,627

